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Unidentified Border Guard Unit in Nevrokop

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1. An unidentified Border Guard unit [] is located in Nevrokop in the old Army barracks just after the last houses in the southern part of the city, and approximately 500-600 meters west of the road to the Ostrets Vrtkh (Ostrets Heights) area and Momina Kula. The camp consists of two 1-story buildings used as billets and of several smaller buildings used as warehouses. The unit has approximately 400 to 500 men.

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2. A group (grupa) from this unit, comprising approximately 25 men [] had the following weapons:

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- a. Seven or eight Sudaev automatics;
- b. Three or four Shpagin automatics;
- c. Two Degtyarev light machine guns;
- d. The rest were armed with long Vintovka rifles;
- e. Two hand grenades per man;
- f. Ammunition belts with 12 clips each (60 rounds per man);
- g. Four clips each for the Sudaev automatics;
- h. Two drums each for the Shpagin automatics; and
- i. Maksim Sokolov heavy machine guns.

3. Attached to the Border Guard unit (especially in the winter), was a second-class school (vterostepenna shkola) for training dogs of different types and breeds, which were purchased from the surrounding villages. Thus, in the fall of 1952 approximately 20 dogs were bought and, until the spring of 1953, were taught with the aid of German Shepherds which had already been trained.

4. During 1952 a new Border Guard zastava post, belonging to the unit in Nevrokop, was constructed somewhere near the village of Paril (N 41-26; E 23-41), Nevrokop Okoliya.

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Unidentified Interior Troops Unit at Nevrokop

5. An unidentified Vutreshni Voyski (Interior Troops) unit is located in the Panairska Livada area, approximately one kilometer north of Nevrokop near the Sofia highway. [] The unit is billeted in the house of the former National Representative, Dragiya Slavkov who was sentenced by the People's Court after September 1944. The building has two stories and is approximately 16 meters long and 10 meters wide. The house, which is surrounded by smaller buildings, is in bad repair.

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6. The unit consists of approximately 120 to 130 men equipped as follows:

- a. TT (Tulskiy Tukarov) pistols, most of the men were armed with these;
- b. Sudaev and Shpagin automatics;
- c. Vintovka rifles; and
- d. Oval-shaped hand grenades.

7. Part of the men's training consisted in searching an area, which a unit member was supposed to cross disguised as a civilian or as a woman.

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Militia Assistance Group at Musomishte

9. A Militia assistance group (grupa za shdeystvie) has been organized at Musomishte (N 41-33; E 23-47), Nevrokop Okoliya. The group [] is made up of Party members and is used to assist the Militia in emergencies. The alert signal is given by a rapid ringing of both village bells.

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10. A few members of the group have arms in their homes; all other arms are kept in the home of Nikola Lyaskovski, a white 2-story dwelling, approximately 10 meters long and 8 meters wide, located in the northern end of the village. Stefan Sharlandzhiev, [redacted] has the keys to the weapons storeroom. The arms consist of two light machine guns, schmeissers, rifles, shotguns, and ammunition. In case of alert, the group members who don't have arms go to the home of Lyaskovski for their weapons.
11. The group establishes night guard posts in the village area approximately 10 days before and after national holidays such as 1 May, 9 September, Physiculture Day, etc.

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